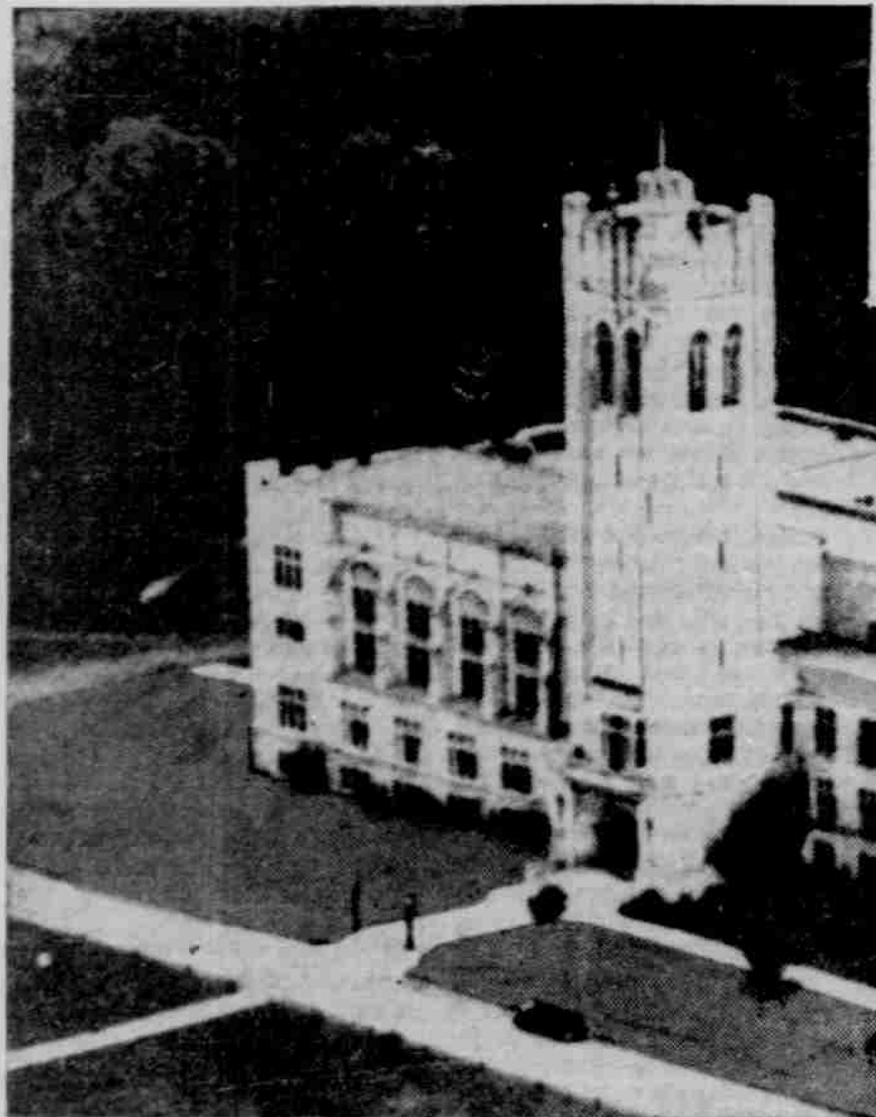


Western Is Your University



amongst the masses. They are being distributed today.

The Mother College

The university and its six affiliated colleges reach into all corners of the "west country." At present the mother college is just north of London on the picturesque West-

For the people of the western counties, for the graduates of the one hundred secondary schools in their confines—comprising as they do one-third of those in Ontario—an institution of advanced education is provided that takes highest rank.

Name Changed

While the university was once called Western University and is still popularly called "Western," it was given the official title of the University of Western Ontario by the Provincial Legislature in 1923.

by early summer. They move in officially on June 5.

The Gothic architecture of the buildings—to be precise, it is called modified Collegiate Gothic—gives an atmosphere of dignity. This is enhanced by the approach to the campus over a handsome bridge, 300 feet long, that spans the Thames river as it meanders along the southern border of the campus.

"We are trying in our architecture as well as in other things to keep from aping other institutions," President Fox said. "We have not copied Oxford colleges in our buildings but we have adapted Collegiate Gothic to our own requirements. Our aim is to create a distinctive Canadian university that can be of real service to a Canadian community. If you will show us a new service that we can give, we will try to give it, if that is within our power."

Wooded Campus

The campus is well wooded with pine and hardwood and is lending itself to attractive landscaping. A detailed survey has been made,

Western University Song

WESTERN, Western, Western U.

College fair and square.
Arts and Meds are strong for you.
Deny it if you dare.
White and purple colors are worn by all who know
Just what college is the best.
Come and let us show . . . that

CHORUS:

This "U." is our "U." and for her we'll strive to
Do our bit and fight with might and main,
We will love her, support her,
our own Alma Mater
Western, School of Fame!

ment relief scheme, the library is being erected.

The Stadium

The stadium lies on the level meadowland down toward the Thames River. Its turf has been termed the springiest and best in

for Hellenic theatricals as at Leiden, Stanford, Western has all the equipment essential to "the highest kind of higher learning."

High Standards

The regulations prescribe that: "Students who have not attended 90 per cent. of the lectures in a course for the term will be debarred from taking the regular examinations on that course."

The policy is to see that the students work, President Fox states. The faculty endeavors to weed out the idlers and to go after quality rather than quantity. In this way the university has been able to eliminate loungers who idle through the whole year and then try to get through by last minute cramming.

I asked Dr. Neville, jovial dean of arts, some pertinent questions about the students. He answered frankly and squarely.

How was registration at the college? "Conditions have affected registration," he said. "There has been an increase in the admissions of men. We were not surprised but at

Did he find students more serious today?

"Yes, we do," he said. "Life is a far more serious matter than it was in 1929. Our experience is in keeping with the general findings of the educational administrators of the continent. There is less frivolity at college, perhaps because there is less frivolity at home. There is more real hard work done. You see evidence of that in the crowded library reading room during spare hours, when they might be out chatting in the halls."

Discipline

How was discipline among Western students?

"I don't know of any place—perhaps it is ignorance on my part—where student government functions as successfully as it does at Western. We have the student parliament in Arts and in Medicine and the student commission joining the two. There is not a discipline question of major importance that they don't handle. Whenever a problem arises, they appoint a committee. I have never sat in on committees

Serves 14 Counties And Million People

Devoted to Their Interests, Declares President Fox; Assumption College Affiliated

WESTERN YELL

Ca-ninny, ca-nanny, ca-nanny, ca-noo
With a hull-a-ba, hull-a-ba, hull-a-bal-oo,
With a riccatty, raccity, raccity, ru
W-E-S-T-E-R-N
Western! Western! Western!

By HAL MILLER

Staff Writer, The Border Cities Star

GATHER 'round, all you readers who think a university is a faraway place where young highbrows run off to put on the dog, where they make all-Canadian rugby players overnight, and where musty old "profs" grow stale and cranky. Lend attention, likewise, you who know the purpose of a university.

There is a new thing in colleges right on your doorstep. Whatever your age or occupation it is as much yours as it is the college of the proud young frosh who each year begin the search for the coveted sheepskin within its portals.

Up London way, a famous Canadian is head of an equally famous university. It could be called the university of the people were it not for the fact that it is named the University of Western Ontario. But it is just what its name implies. It is an educational institution serving the million or more people in the 14 western counties of the province.

Of and For the People

Although my alma mater was only a little prairie grammar school, I came away from Western feeling like a loyal alumnus after two days spent interviewing cordial college executives and students, delving into records, and otherwise gathering facts from which to present the university's interesting story to you. It is indeed the university of the people, for the people and by the people.

Whether they are old-line Grits or Tories, or left-wingers, there is an increasing number of Canadians who seem to think the things of this world should be more evenly divided. If that ideal is ever realized, Western will not require a surgeon's knife to apportion its benefits

ern Campus. It is described as the finest academic site in Canada. Driving to the campus from the city with Mr. Emmett Kelleher, London bureau manager of The Border Cities Star, I had the impression of entering the domain of some land-loving old-time baron.

Two stately Gothic buildings grace the sloping parkway. Behind a woodland lies the stadium, that essential fixture of the modern college. But this was just the heart of the university proper. There is Assumption College in Sandwich; Waterloo College in Waterloo; Brescia Hall, a women's college, in London, under control of the Ursuline Order; all teaching four-year courses. Alma College in St. Thomas teaches the first two years of arts; and old Huron College, in London, is purely theological.

Some day, all of these colleges will be centralized in 14 buildings of the same Gothic design as the Arts Building, known as University College, and the science building, the two existing structures, I learned.

The Helping Hand

Apart from teaching higher education in its three faculties, liberal arts, medicine, and public health, the University is—without lowering its standards—lending a helping hand to all classes of people within its jurisdiction.

The modern university, it has been said, must be the soul of the people, a force for disinterested truth and for material help as well, to all classes of citizens. The university's summer school, its extramural courses and extension lectures in the rural districts as well as the principal centres of Western Ontario have been of widespread benefit. Many of the general public have registered for the elementary course in public health. A special effort has been made to interest the working man and woman in the courses of the Workers' Educational Association, and to make Western, in the fullest sense of the words, the "University of the People of Western Ontario."

The University of Toronto is regarded as the provincial school of higher learning and the London institution qualifies perfectly as the western provincial university.

"We are endeavoring to make it really the University of Western Ontario," Dr. W. Sherwood Fox, kindly prexy of Western, told me. His ideal for years has been to make it a living reality to everyone in its scope.

For many years, Western was regarded as a small college. Since 1924 when the Gothic spires began to rise on the 200-acre tract of campus, it has taken its rightful place in the academic sun. Today it vies with Toronto and McGill for academic honors as well as on the gridiron.

Those who measure a college by its football scores have come to realize in recent years that Western has rugby talent that must be considered. Two years ago the Mustangs, guided by Coach Joe Breen, copped the intercollegiate football championship. In other sports the college has triumphed.

New Library

However, the university is continuing to raise Gothic towers as well as goal posts, as one observer has expressed it. Besides the two finished buildings and the J. W. Little Memorial Stadium, the stone-work of an unfinished structure occupies the campus. There workmen are busy on the new Lawson Memorial Library and it will be ready for occupancy by Professor Fred Landon and the library staff

ABOVE are the two beautiful Gothic buildings now adorning the University of Western Ontario campus, north of London, University College on the left and the science building on the right. A third, the new Lawson Memorial Library is being

erected behind University College and will be officially opened June 5. The six affiliated colleges of Western will some day be located on the picturesque 200-acre campus, described as the most beautiful academic site in Canada.

—Air Photo by Arthur A. Gleason, London.

all profiles charted and architects have laid out a scheme for the relative location of all buildings that will be required by the University for the next two centuries!

A comprehensive campus scheme has been worked out and there is going to be uniformity in future buildings, unlike the University of Toronto, where six or seven opposing architectural styles can be counted.

"We shall have all our affiliated colleges here some day," President Fox predicts. "They will all be fitted in to a pre-ordained plan. We have given careful thought to the future."

Heavy registrations at the university have taxed library facilities to the limit and with the assistance of a substantial bequest from the estate of the late Mrs. Frank Lawson, supplemented by grants from the city, Provincial and Dominion governments under the unemploy-

Ontario and facetiously said to be of such feather bed quality that when opponents fall on it their one thought is of slumber. The stadium is not the only facility for field sports, there being a playing field on the higher ground of considerable proportions.

It is understood that the next construction to be undertaken is the erection of a gymnasium or field house. A committee meets next week to decide on the type of structure. Athletic Director J. H. Crocker states.

While the university is still without the gymnasium, student residences, and a convocation, all these are included in that major campus scheme. The present convocation hall, located in University College, was described by Premier Bennett on a recent visit as the most beautiful auditorium of its kind that he had ever seen.

Although it has no Hart House as at Toronto, nor a Greek theatre

the 1922-23 term there were two men to one woman and that was repeated again last year. The girls stay home and the boys come to college if they haven't a job."

Is There a Type?

Was there a Western University type, like at Harvard or Oxford.

"That is a difficult thing for us to say," he said. "Visitors say that we have a type. We who are in the midst of it are perhaps not particularly conscious of it. It is no doubt becoming more pronounced with time."

Was there any drinking among Western students?

"You could not say that we have no drinking among the students," Dean Neville said, smiling. "But the percentage of it is such that we don't particularly find that we have to have the Mounties in to help control a party."

that were any more reasonable than some of those combined student and faculty committees. It was an eye-opener to me."

Dean Neville said that some changes in the honor system were contemplated by university heads for next year. These were designed to prevent a student from being pushed ahead too rapidly in university work if he were not qualified, and if adopted they would represent a modern and unique change in the honors system.

Western is thoroughly modern. It was in its co-educational character from the beginning. The Literary Society of the University is composed of both sexes, who debate together, and the president is sometimes a woman student. No concessions are dreamed of and

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